(c) The estimated net profit for the financial year 1992-93 is expected to be Rs. 225.00 crores approximately.

Non Co-operative attitude of, staff of IGI Airport

4168. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study of the various problems being faced by the non-VIP passengers at the IGI Airport besides the hostile and non-co-operative attitude of the staff of various Departments posted at the airport; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to improve the situation at the IGI Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Besides getting regular feedback from passengers, a study team had been appointed from Defence Institute of Work Study as an independent group to study the various problems of passenger facilitation at Indira Gandhi International Airport.

(b) The following measures have been taken to improve the conditions at Indira Gandhi International Airport:—

(a) Introduction of Prepaid Taxi Service, Paid Luxury Service & State Transport Service between Terminal and the city.

(b) Free inter-terminal shuttle coach service.

(c) Display of flight Information System.

(d) Improvement in baggage trolleys.

(e) Improved catering facilities.

Of) Ensured availability of critical' facilities like water supply, electricity supply, conveyor belts, escalators and lifts.

(g) Free porterage few handicapped.

(h) Free medical aid.

(i) Additional STD/ISD telephone facilities.

(j) Provision of child care rooms.

(k) Provision of basic facilities outside terminal building.

To ensure consistent and smooth operation. Airport Coordination Committee representing various agencies at the airport meets every month under the Chairmanship of Airport Director.

Guidelines for purchase of aircraft by Air Taxi Operators

4169. DR. SANIAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to liberalise the guidelines for purchase of aircraft by air taxi operators in the country; and

(b) if iso, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The existing guidelines in this connection have been revised. The eligible applicants can now import aircraft for air taxi operations from, their own foreign exchange resources or through arranging/buying foreign exchange from the open market as per the current rules and regulations relating to foreign exchange transactions ssued from time to time by the Ministry of Finance or the Reserve Bank of India.

Air India Planes used by VVIP

4170. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state the number of days for which Air India planes were requisitioned for WIP travel from 1st August, 1992 to 30th November, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): During the period from 1.8.92 to 30.11.92, Air India planes were used for VVIP travel for a total period of 15 days.

इंदौर विमानपत्तन पर रात में विमान उतारने की सुविधायें

4171. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री शिव प्रताप मिश्र :

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इंदौर विमानपत्तन पर रात में विमान उतारने की सुविधाओं संबंधी कार्य की क्या प्रगति है ; और

(ख) यह कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) और (ख) इंदौर हवाई अड्डे पर रात्रि परिचालनों के लिये निम्नलिखित सुविधायें पहले से ही विद्यमान हैं :—

(1) उच्च तीव्रता वाली धावनपथ प्रकाश व्यवस्था (एच०आई०आर०एल०)

(2) संक्षिप्त दृष्टिक पहुंच ढाल संसूचक प्रणाली (अवासी)

(3) धावनपथ के 87 छोर पर साधारण पहुंच प्रकाश प्रणाली (एस०ए०एल०)

राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण की 25 छोर पर भी साधारण पहुंच प्रकाश प्रणाली (एम०ए०एल०) की व्यवस्था करने की योजना है । वह स्थान जहां पर यह कार्य किया जाना है, इस समय सीमा सुरक्षा बल और राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण के बीच विवादास्पद है । इसके निपटारे के लिये कारवाई पहले की प्रारंभ की जा चुकी है ।

Upgradation of Belgauni Airport

4172. SHRI K. R. JAYADEVAPPA:
SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines have made an assessment, that there is adequate traffic at Belgauni for introduction of Boeing services;

(b) whether the Indian Airlines have made a request to International Airport Authority to upgrade the Belgaum Airport;

(c) whether an amount of Rs. 843 lakhs has been projected as estimated expenditure for the updradation of Belgaum Airport; and

(d) if so, what is the present position of the proposal and how much amount is released so fa,- for upgradation of Belgaum Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Joint venture with U.S. aviation companies

4173. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that taking advantage of the Open Sky Policy of Government the Modi's have launched two joint ventures with two U.S. aviation companies; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) M/s Modi Threads Ltd., have indicated to the Directorate General of Civil' Aviation its desiro to start an air taxi service as a joint venture company. M/s Modi Genesis Airlines, which is promoted by M/s Modi Threads Ltd. has also approached D.G.C.A. with a proposal to start a transport air-